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**Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group
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Collective Progress in the Implementation of the
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
Fifth meeting**
Online, 30 September 2025

Report of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on its fifth meeting

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was established by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in its decision [16/32](#). The Advisory Group, whose terms of reference are contained in annex III to that decision, has a mandate until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework.
2. The Advisory Group will meet online and in person up until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Its fifth meeting was held online on 30 September 2025.

II. Proceedings

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting was opened on 30 September 2025 at 8 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) by a Co-Chair of the Advisory Group.

Item 2

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. The provisional agenda¹ and the suggested organization of work as proposed by a Co-Chair of the Advisory Group were adopted by the Advisory Group.

¹ [CBD/IMP/AHSTAG/2025/5/1](#).

Item 3

Review of the sources of information used in the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including submissions received in response to notifications Nos. 2025-099 and 2025-100

5. This agenda item was referred to a future meeting of the Advisory Group owing to a lack of time for its consideration.

Item 4

Review of the revised draft annotated outline of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

6. The Secretariat explained that the annotated outline had been revised based on the discussion held at the previous meeting of the Advisory Group and was a collective output of the Group. An accompanying spreadsheet was shared which included the comments received during the peer review and an explanation of how each comment was addressed. In the interest of transparency, the possibility was discussed of including the comment matrix as an annex to the information document being prepared for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to be held in Panama City from 20 to 24 October 2025.
7. In reviewing the revised draft annotated outline section by section, the Advisory Group discussed and agreed on changes. In general, the language or sequence of the material was revised, redundancies were eliminated and paragraphs and ideas were restructured with a view to clarifying the content and improving the flow of the document.
8. Some of the specific changes made to the annotated outline entailed:
 - (a) Clarifying the concept of scenario or pathway modelling to separate evaluation from more forward-looking or pathway-related actions. The analysis would include policy relevant but not policy prescriptive options;
 - (b) Removing the mention of disaggregating national information with respect to various groups, as the national report template included space for reporting on that issue. Parties would have the opportunity to provide information on the involvement of other groups in the preparation of their national biodiversity strategy and action plan and national targets. The Secretariat explained the process of analysing national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in particular for the purpose of collecting information on the involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders;
 - (c) Revising the title of some sections to better convey their proposed contents;
 - (d) Improving the description of the relationship between collective ambition and global ambition and between achievement of targets versus assessment of trends towards achieving goals. In the national reporting template, Parties would report on the level of alignment of their national targets against the global targets and their contributions towards achieving the goals. The Secretariat explained the process of analysing the national targets and the role of indicators in the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, noting that some headline and binary indicators would be found only in the section on goals, while some headline indicators would apply jointly to goals and targets. For some targets, the lack of data outside of national reports was noted as an issue;
 - (e) Providing greater detail in the section on the means of implementation, which would be based primarily on information from national reports, national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national target submissions, and in particular reporting on Goal D and Targets 19 and 20, and possibly reports of regional and subregional dialogues. In discussing the relevance of Target 18 to the analysis of the means of implementation, the Advisory Group noted that, in the national targets submitted to date linkages between the Target and that analysis had not been demonstrated. Pursuant

to previous discussions, it was decided that the broadly focused language on that point in the annotated outline would be maintained;

(f) Adding an analysis of how actions taken by international organizations, including secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements, and other processes had created synergies resulting in progress towards the implementation of the Framework;

(g) Parsing out the parts of the conclusions and key messages section to clarify the synthesis of collective progress and the presentation of successes, challenges, barriers and opportunities;

(h) Bringing disparate parts of the report together in a final section on geographical and temporal coverage and coverage of cross-cutting issues.

9. As national targets were the sole source of information on national ambition, the importance of Parties' submission of those targets was therefore highlighted. In national reports, Parties would report against their national targets but lack of a significant number of submissions of national targets would result in both an important data gap related to ambition and an inability to report on implementation.

Item 5

Review of timeline and milestones

10. The upcoming milestones for the draft annotated outline of the global report were reviewed.

11. It was agreed that the annotated outline as revised in the fifth meeting of the Advisory Group would be annexed to the information document being prepared for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and that a descriptive analysis of the comments arising from the peer review would be included in the information document as well. In anticipation of the time constraints expected to affect the meeting of the Subsidiary Body, the Advisory Group advised the Secretariat to consult with the Chair and Bureau of the Subsidiary Body regarding the possibility of and modality for beginning negotiations related to this agenda item based on the revised draft annotated outline² rather than the version issued prior to the peer review.³ Moreover, the Advisory Group enquired about the possibility of having the information document translated so as to facilitate the work of the Subsidiary Body.

Item 6

Other matters

12. No other matters were raised.

Item 7

Closure of the meeting

13. The Co-Chairs summarized the discussion and reviewed the next steps, as presented under item 5 of this report.

14. The Advisory Group would meet again informally both online and on the margins of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

15. The meeting was closed on 30 September 2025 at 10.30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

² [CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/5](#), annex.

³ [CBD/SBSTTA/27/2](#), sect. V, annex.